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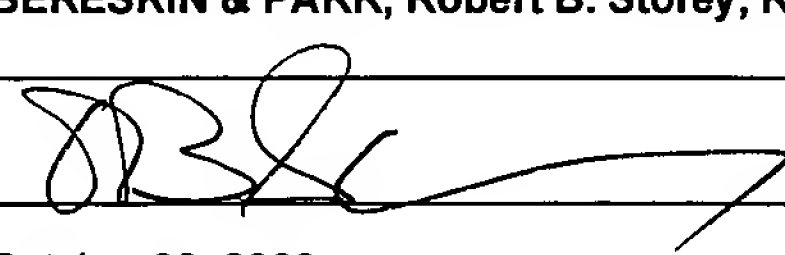
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Each of the references was cited in the International Search Report of the corresponding PCT application. The applicant does not have translations for the Japanese patents. The understanding of the undersigned of the relevance of the Japanese patents is based upon their being cited in the International Search Report. Included in the Information Disclosure Statement is U.S. patent No. 6,205,266 corresponding to Japanese patent No. 2000111816 cited in the International Search Report.

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This Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the issuance of a first official action, and therefore no fees are required. However, please charge our deposit account No. 02-2095 if such a fee is required.

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